



Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska
March 27, 2012

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in regular session on this date at 9:00 a.m. Notice of the meeting was published and posted as required by law. Answering roll call were Commissioners Poulsen, Plugge, and Landgren. Also present were Clerk Snider, County Attorney McNally, Highway Superintendent Payne, and Sheriff Lindsay.

Chairman Poulsen identified the location for the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Poster located on the Commissioners' board on the south wall and made reference to the open law literature available on the Commissioners' room table. The Clerk asked for the approval of the February 2012 proceedings and all Commissioners approved the proceedings as presented.

Fees from the various county offices were reviewed and approved for the month of February 2012. The claims were audited and approved as follows:

	General Fund
Payroll	17,742.40
Aflac, insurance	253.16
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, retirement	2,437.63
Anderson Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, deputy sheriff patrol service	22.15
Appera, services	68.54
AS Central Services, AS 400 fees,	313.75
Bartlett Post Office, postage	208.00
Bernt, Dennis, zoning mileage	15.54
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	11,167.44
Burwell Tribune, publication	529.54
Consolidated Management CO, deputy meals, training center	487.25
Dugan Business Forms, election envelopes	89.83
Ericson State Bank, federal payroll W/H	4,362.12
Eschliman, Deb, zoning mileage	7.77
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,516.05
Gehl, Greg, zoning mileage	9.99
Holt County Treasurer, veteran's service contract	291.66
Howard County Clerk, Wheeler Co share of Distr Court exp	38.37
Lexisnexis, online publications	99.00
Loup Valley Rural Public Power District, services	232.37
M & M INC, sheriff fuel	208.00
Mahony, Patrick, zoning mileage	18.87
Martinsen Appraisal, pick up work	1,800.00
McNally, James, clerical, rent, supplies	1,052.00
Microfilm Imaging System, equipment rental	60.00
Miller, Dean, zoning mileage	19.98
MIPS INC, MIPS programing	1,030.53
Nebraska Department Revenue, payroll W/H	557.94
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	639.90
Peoples Service, sheriff patrol services	53.82
Presto-X, monthly services	42.20
Quill Corporation, office supplies	321.52
Reiter, Doug, emergency manager	100.00



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Rudolph, Jamie, zoning mileage	15.54
Scarlett, Kathy, services	40.00
Schrunk, Ellis, zoning mileage	21.09
Sikyta, Curtis, court appointed attorney	163.40
Snider, Cara, meeting expenses, reimbursement	812.63
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	85.55
We-Mart, sheriff fuel	119.25
Wheeler County Sheriff Department, fees	2.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	164.33

Road Fund

Payroll	12,886.02
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, retirement	1,897.44
Appeara, services	15.96
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	8,865.03
Bomgaar's Supply INC, electrical repairs	34.39
Burwell Tribune, publication	4.81
Ericson State Bank, federal payroll W/H	3,714.87
Greenline Equipment, parts	3.08
Hillbill's Diesel, parts	123.92
Hubel Welding, supplies	79.80
Loup Valley Rural Public Power District, services	187.73
NE Child Support Payment Center, payroll W/H	287.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll W/H	509.55
Nebraska Department of Revenue, quarterly gas tax	174.00
Nebraska Truck Center, INC, repairs	44.90
Northeast Nebraska Telephone CO, services	104.91
Pollock Redimix, mudrock 7	753.70
Powerplan, repairs	1,517.40
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC, diesel/propane	5,051.07
Spalding Irrigation INC, supplies	32.92
Spalding True Value, supplies	39.96
The Parts Bin, INC, repairs	566.52
Warne Chemical Equipment Co, signs	81.50
We-Mart road fuel	837.60

Payne presented his monthly report, reporting that with the good weather, they had pulled all the trees that Gary Smith had asked them to remove and they are trying to haul as much gravel to the roads as possible. Payne also mentioned that the surveyor was out and working on finding the corners for the Ericson Road. Payne also reported on the information he had received from Holt County regarding the speed limit on the Deloit county road separating Wheeler and Holt Counties. He stated that Holt County wanted a road study conducted prior to a reduction in speed limit. Payne also reported that Dave Collins had talked to him in regard to the ditch by their house. He reported that the County will either have to fill the ditch in or slope it more in the yard to correct the problem. Kenneth Kasselder also contacted Payne regarding the fence adjacent to Conrad Erickson's and Thomas Erickson's land. The board asked Attorney McNally to write a letter to Conrad Erickson and Thomas Erickson to demand that the fence be removed from the middle of the road back to the road right of way.

Payne presented the board with Resolution 03012012 regarding improvement to the Wagonhammer and Mignery bridges. The resolution authorized Wheeler County to withdraw these projects and cancel all agreements pertaining



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these two bridges. Plugge made a motion to accept Resolution 03012012, seconded by Landgren. On roll call by the Clerk, voting aye: Plugge, Landgren, and Poulsen. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Rich French joined the meeting and asked the board to grant him permission to get a liquor license for the Wheeler Central alumni dance which is being held May 26 from 5 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds. Plugge made a motion to approve the said liquor license application, seconded by Landgren. On roll call by the Clerk, voting aye: Plugge, Landgren, and Poulsen. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Joe Thrasher of Niewohner Feedlot joined the meeting to talk to the board regarding the possibility of the road being built straight east of Ericson junction and join old Highway 101. The board suggested to Thrasher that Niewohners work with the current adjacent land owners to come to an agreement for construction of the proposed road. Thrasher said that water was a concern of one landowner. Landgren advised the board that he would go out and check the present available water supply.

Snider asked the board about the possibility of getting a storage vault added onto the courthouse since she and other county officials were running out of storage space for the official records of the county. The board advised Snider to find some contractors and get bids to bring back to them.

Snider asked the board for permission to apply for a grant through the Secretary of State to get handicap accessible doors on the north entrance to the courthouse. Poulsen made a motion for Snider to apply for the grant through the Secretary of State for handicap doors, seconded by Landgren. On roll call by the Clerk, voting aye: Poulsen, Landgren and Plugge. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

McNally reported to the board about recent activities of the Planning and Zoning Board and the work that Snider has been doing for the board. He suggested that she be compensated for her time in being the Zoning Administrator Pro-Tem. Plugge made a motion to pay Snider \$100 a month for time served as the Zoning Administrator Pro-Tem, seconded by Poulsen. On roll call by the Clerk, voting aye: Plugge, Poulsen, and Landgren. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Ellis Schunk entered the meeting to talk about Central Nebraska Economic Development. Poulsen made a motion to table this topic until the next meeting to allow McNally to look over the by-laws, seconded by Landgren. On roll call by the Clerk, voting aye: Poulsen, Landgren, and Plugge. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Snider informed the board that Don Wilson, the auditor for the county, was here the week of March 26 to March 30. Wilson asked Chairman Poulsen to sign a management representation letter and a legal litigation letter.

At 10:00 Chairman Poulsen opened the public hearing to consider the conditional use permits requested by GGP and Niewohner Farms. The Zoning Administrator Pro Tem reported that the Zoning Board had approved the permits for a two-year period and recommended approval by the County Board. She also stated that the permits were for the application of effluent to commence not sooner than March 1 of each year and not later than November 31 of each year. Future applications were to be submitted not later than January 2 to be considered in future years. Landgren made a motion to approve the conditional use permits, seconded by Plugge. On roll call by the Clerk, voting aye: Landgren, Plugge and Poulsen. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Snider presented a letter of resignation from Greg Gehl as a member of the Zoning Board. Poulsen moved to accept such resignation with regret, seconded by Landgren. On roll call by the Clerk, voting aye: Plugge, Landgren, and Poulsen. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. Chairman Poulsen commented that Gehl had worked long and hard on the Zoning Board and should be complimented for such dedicated service to Wheeler County. The board concurred and expressed its appreciation for his efforts.



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With no other business on the conditional use permits, the hearing was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. and Chairman Poulsen reconvened the Commissioners' meeting in regular session.

No other business coming before the Board of Commissioners, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Jack Poulsen, Board Chairman